

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the opinion that patentable subject matter is present.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

Claims Status

Claims 10, 11, 25, 26, 28 and 33 are pending in this Application. Claims 1-9, 12-24, 27 and 29-32 have been canceled.

Claims 10, 25 and 28 are independent claims and have been amended herein. Claim 10 has been amended to add the limitations of Claims 1, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Claim 25 has been amended herein to add the limitations of Claims 15, 21, 22, 23 and 24. Claim 28 has been amended herein to add the limitations of Claims 21, 22, 23 and 24. Finally, new Claim 33 mirrors Claim 26 but is dependent upon Claim 28.

Respectfully, no new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1-32 had been rejected as being anticipated by Sekiguchi.

With respect to Claim 10, it should be noted that Claim 10 requires a notification means which comprises a display means and a display means displays information indicating a request for a selection from a plurality of choices, the choices being identified in amended Claim 10. Furthermore, Claim 10 requires that a selection acceptance means which selects from the plurality of choices. Respectfully, Sekiguchi does not teach nor suggest such a notification means and a selection acceptance means as recited in Claim 10.

With respect to Claim 25, Claim 25 mirrors Claim 10 and calls for displaying information indicating a request for a selection from a plurality of choices, those choices being recited in Claim 25. Claim 25 also calls for a step of accepting selections from the plurality of choices. It is submitted that Sekiguchi does not teach or suggest such a step of displaying or a step of accepting as recited in Claim 25.

With respect to Claim 28, it is noted that Claim 28 also has the step for displaying similar to the one recited in Claim 25 and the step for accepting similar to the step in Claim 25. Respectfully, Sekiguchi does not

teach the steps for displaying and the step for accepting as recited in Claim 28.

Since Claims 11, 26 and 33 are dependent upon Claims 10, 25 and 28, respectively, it is submitted that these dependent claims are also patentable over Sekiguchi.

Respectfully, the claims, as presented herein, are patentable over Sekiguchi since Sekiguchi does not teach nor suggest the claims as presented herein.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

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